

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in Room 200, Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Buckley, Supervisor Evans, Supervisor Clancy, Supervisor Zima, Supervisor Nicholson
Also Present: John Gossage, Todd Delain, Phil Steffen, Barry Irmien, Dr. Agnieszka Rogalska, David Lasee, Michele Conard, Chad Weininger; Supervisors Tom Lund, Patrick Moynihan, Jr., Dave Kaster, Bernie Erickson; news media and other interested parties.

**Audio of this meeting is available by contacting the County Board office at 920-448-4015*

I. Call meeting to order.

Chairman Buckley arrived as the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Patrick Evans at 5:04 pm.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of June 1, 2016.*

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public. None.

Clerk of Courts

1. Resolution re: Reclassification of the Clerk/Typist II Position in the Clerk of Courts Table of Organization.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to hold until Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest arrives. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sheriff

2. Budget Adjustment Request (16-58): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

Request to increase federal grant revenue and related expenses to participate in a Homeland Security grant that provides funding to purchase night vision/thermal imaging equipment for the ALERT teams for both Brown County and Green Bay Police Department. This grant was administered by Brown County but shared equally between the City and County. Fiscal Impact: Increase revenue and offsetting expense by \$7,500.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to suspend the rules to take Items 2, 3 & 4 together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Budget Adjustment Request (16-59): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

Increase outlay expenses offset by an increase in contributed capital received in 2016 for the K-9 dog (Cody) for the Sheriff's Office. The dog was purchased through the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation on behalf of Bay East Animal Hospital and K-9 Vest-A-Dog account. No tax levy money was involved in this adjustment. Fiscal Impact:

\$12,800 non-levy dollars (expenses offset by donation).

4. Budget Adjustment Request (16-60): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

Request to increase federal grant revenue for and grant expenses to participate in a Homeland Security grant that provides funding to purchase bomb disrupter packs for the five Wisconsin regional ALERT bomb teams at \$5,640 each. Brown County will act as the lead agency for this grant and will retain one of the packs with the other four packs going to the other teams. Therefore, only the cost of one will be an outlay expense for Brown County. Fiscal Impact: Increase revenue and offsetting expense by \$28,200.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve Items 2, 3 & 4. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Current Population Overview of the Brown County Jail.

Gossage informed they had shipped eight inmates out to another facility because they were growing in population. They were reviewing this on a daily basis to see what percentage they were at and what the impact was going to be on the facility for the safety of inmates and correctional staff.

A PowerPoint was provided to the committee in which Chief Deputy Todd Delain, Security Lieutenant Phil Steffen and Sheriff Gossage briefly went through showing historical perspectives, the data out there and to see where they were going to be going from here. He believed it was upon them that they will need to bond for the architectural study in 2017.

Responding to a question by Evans, Delain informed they looked for inmates that they could ship out that they weren't going to transport back as soon as possible so ideally they look for sentence inmates who are not going to be a problem so they don't incur costs of transporting them back and forth.

Delain informed they did not have state inmates any longer; the population increased when the jail opened allowing flexibility to run efficiently and collect revenue and they didn't have that option anymore. They would only be able to reduce the federal inmate population by 17 which won't fix their long term problem.

Delain informed there was female/male separation in the juvenile area but they were together in school. The Kilo pod was not designed for long term housing of juveniles. The suggestion about adding direct supervision pods would allow them to go back to the way the jail was designed in 2001, to put the juveniles in Juliet pod so they could be separated properly.

Evans questioned if they were in violation of any DOC directives? Delain responded they temporarily had to go over limits in cellblocks, it was not good but the DOC understood it was going happen temporarily and were well aware of their situation. They had to work towards coming up with permanent solutions and that's the direction they were going. Evans questioned if the DOC could tell the county that they had to build additional jail pods? Delain didn't know if they could order to build but could say they had to get them out of there. Steffen said they could end up with a consent decree which would be due to a lawsuit from an inmate.

In response to a question from Evans, Steffen informed it was a risk management directive of the Sheriff to not offer the EMP programs to sex offenders, domestic violence, OWI 5th, weapon offenses. Sheriff Gossage added that he didn't want violent offenders out in the community. Evans responded that they encouraged people to work but he wasn't going to dispute that.

Evans stated that in speaking with friends who were correction officers, they seemed legitimately stressed out. He felt it may be overpopulation or from inmates they deal with. Gossage responded it was a combination of that as well as losing protective status which had been discussed in the past

Supervisor Zima arrived at 5:16 pm.

Supervisor Nicholson arrived at 5:44 pm.

Motion made by Supervisor Nicholson, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to send to staff to continue this process and to provide ongoing information. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Resolution re: Reorganization of the Sheriff's Department Table of Organization Housing Corporal and Intake Corporal.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Medical Examiner

7. Update and future projections.

Medical Examiner Director of Operations Barry Irmen was present to provide updates to the committee.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Zima to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

James Wolfe – Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory - 305 N. 10th St., De Pere

Bob Walczyk, Jr., Proko-Wall Funeral Home & Crematory - 1630 E. Mason St., Green Bay

Charlotte Gillis – Blaney Funeral Home - 1521 Shawano Ave., Green Bay

Supervisor Zima was excused at 6:58 pm

Supervisor Nicholson was excused at 7:02 pm

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Supervisor Kaster stated he had spoken with several funeral homes regarding their concerns with turnaround times. Apparently there was a call and no answer or response and it's an issue with funeral homes getting paid and with life insurance claims.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District Attorney

- 7a. Resolution re: Reclassification of the LTE Legal Assistant I Position in the District Attorney's Office Table of Organization.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to hold. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

8. Audit of bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Such other matters as authorized by law.

10. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor, seconded by Supervisor to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary